

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A method for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

adding the member list to the active group call[[]] ;

announcing the group call to each member in the member list and wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network;

receiving acknowledgment from a member in the member list who wishes to participate in the group call; and

forwarding media to the member.

Claims 6-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The method of claim [[7]]5, further including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel before said forwarding the media.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, further including buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

Claim 10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim [[10]]5, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim [[10]]5, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[10]]~~5, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

14. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a method for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

adding the member list to the active group call~~[[.]]~~;

announcing the group call to each member in the member list and wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network;

receiving acknowledgement from a member in the member list who wishes to participate in the group call; and

forwarding media to the member.

Claims 15-16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[16]]~~14, further including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

18. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the method further includes buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

Claim 19 (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[19]]~~14, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

21. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[19]]~~14, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

22. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[19]]~~14, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

23. (currently amended) An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, comprising:

means for receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

means for adding the member list to the active group call~~[[.]]~~;

announcing the group call to each member in the member list and wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network;

receiving acknowledgment from a member in the member list who wishes to participate in the group call; and

forwarding media to the member.

Claims 24-25 (canceled)

26. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[25]]~~23, further including means for triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, further including means for buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

Claim 28 (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[28]]~~23, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

30. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[28]]~~23, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

31. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[28]]~~23, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

32. (currently amended) An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, comprising:

a receiver;

a transmitter; and

a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

adding the member list to the active group call~~[[.]]~~wherein the processor is further capable of announcing the group call to each member in the member list and wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network;

receiving acknowledgment from a member who wishes to participate in the group call;
and

forwarding media to the member.

Claims 33-34 (canceled)

35. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[34]]~~32, further ~~including~~ including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

36. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the processor is further capable of buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network.

38. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

39. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

40. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

41. (currently amended) An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the server comprising:

a dispatcher that receives a request for adding a new member to an active group call based on a member list; wherein the dispatcher determines location information for each member in the member list; and

a controller that announces the group call based on the member list, wherein the controller includes a local controller for a member that is located within a local region.

Claims 42-43 (canceled)

44. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[42]]~~41, wherein the controller includes a remote controller for a member that is located outside a local region.